COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 2861-04

Bill No.: Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed HCS for SS for SB 732

Subject: Taxation and Revenue - Local Sales Tax; Entertainment; Cultural Arts

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: May 25, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Local Government*	\$0	\$0	\$0	

^{*}Oversight assumes annual cost would not exceed annual income resulting in either a \$0 or a positive annual fund balance. For purposes of this fiscal note, Oversight assumes zero fiscal impact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 67.1706 and 67.1754 - Metropolitan Districts:

Officials of the **State Auditor's Office** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of St. Louis County assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Department of Conservation** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Department of Natural Resources** assume no fiscal impact.

Sections 67.2500 - 67.2530 - St. Charles Theater, Cultural Arts, and Entertainment District:

In response to identical legislation (fiscal note # 4768-01), Officials of the Department of Revenue, Department of Economic Development, Division of Tourism, and the State Courts Administrator assume no fiscal impact to their agencies.

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials of the **Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** assume this legislation would allow Theater, Cultural Arts and Entertainment Districts to be formed by voters. Such districts would be political subdivisions of the state. Voters may approve a sales tax to fund the purposes of the district. Such purposes include, the funding, promoting and providing of educational, civic, musical, theatrical, cultural, and other entertainment events as well as the funding of the design, construction and improvement of public improvements and transportation projects in the district.

The number of Entertainment Districts that would be formed, the number that would want transportation improvements and the number of transportation improvements that may impact the state highway system is unknown. If the districts do not allocate funding for state transportation projects, this legislation would have no fiscal impact to MoDOT. However, if the districts do allocate funding for state transportation projects, this legislation would have a positive unknown fiscal impact.

Officials from the County and City of St. Charles did not respond to our fiscal note request.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES			
<u>Income</u> to Theater, Cultural Arts, and Entertainment District Fund from local sales tax	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Cost</u> to Entertainment District for programs, administration	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT*	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses within the Entertainment District would be expected to pay and collect/remit the additional sales tax as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

Section 67.1706 of this act assigns the sole duty of the metropolitan district to the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks. This act goes on to state that the district shall not substitute for the powers and responsibilities of other conservation and environmental regulatory agencies. Finally, this act specifically states that nothing in the statute shall authorize the district to regulate water quality, watershed or land use issues in the counties comprising the district.

Sections 67.2500 - 67.2530 of this proposal enables Saint Charles County to establish a theater, cultural arts, and entertainment district. The sales tax in the district shall be up to one-half of one percent. The act establishes minimum criteria for the formation of the district, including land area, and petition requirements.

The district will be controlled by a board of directors, the number of which must be specified in the petition. The act lays out criteria for the board of directors. The board has various powers, including the power to issue bonds. The bonding power is provided in detail in the act.

Public meetings regarding the formation of the district must take place before the governing body of the county can put the proposal to a vote of the people in the proposed district. Once the governing body of the county approves a resolution to establish the district, a vote is authorized. After it is approved, the district shall be formalized by an ordinance from the governing body.

The proposal allows for subdistricts in the district that may oppose the creation of the district and thereby avoid the sales tax to support the district. The act establishes a procedure for forming a governing body for a subdistrict.

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DESCRIPTION continued

If there are no registered voters in a subdistrict, one or more property owners who collectively own one or more parcels of real estate comprising at least a majority of the land situated in the proposed subdistricts within the proposed district may file a petition with the circuit court requesting the creation of a theater, cultural arts, and entertainment district. The circuit clerk of the county in which the petition is filed pursuant to this section shall present the petition to the judge, who shall set the petition for hearing. The court shall hear the case without a jury. If the court determines the petition is defective or the proposed district or its plan of operation is unconstitutional, it shall refuse to incorporate the district. If the court determines the petition is not legally defective and the proposed district and plan of operation are not unconstitutional, the court shall order an election for voter approval and certify the questions to the circuit clerk.

The proposal contains ballot language for the formation and possible dissolution of the district. In the event that a district is dissolved, the act contains provisions to govern such dissolution.

The sales tax is to be collected by the municipality and placed into a special trust fund for the purposes of the district. The proposal also contains sourcing language for the treatment of out-of-district purchases.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Auditor
Department of Conservation
Department of Revenue
Department of Economic Development - Tourism
State Courts Administrator
Department of Transportation
Department of Natural Resources
St. Louis County Director of Administration

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NOT RESPONDING:

County of St. Charles and City of St. Charles

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